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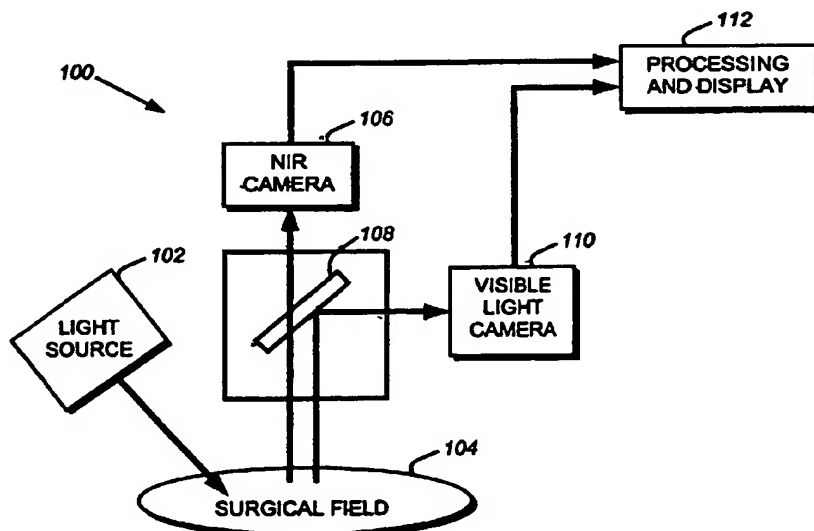
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(54) Title: **DEVICE FOR WAVELENGTH-SELECTIVE IMAGING**



(57) Abstract: An imaging device captures both a visible light image and a diagnostic image, the diagnostic image corresponding to emissions from an imaging medium within the object. The visible light image (which may be color or grayscale) and the diagnostic image may be superimposed to display regions of diagnostic significance within a visible light image. A number of imaging media may be used according to an intended application for the imaging device, and an imaging medium may have wavelengths above, below, or within the visible light spectrum. The devices described herein may be advantageously packaged within a single integrated device or other solid state device, and/or employed in an integrated, single-camera medical imaging system, as well as many non-medical imaging systems that would benefit from simultaneous capture of visible-light wavelength images along with images at other wavelengths.



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A system comprising a device that captures photon intensity from an illuminated object through a filter wheel to form a visible light image and a diagnostic image, the diagnostic image corresponding to emissions from an imaging medium within the object; and a method using this system.

2. claims: 2, 5 and 7-26 (in part, dependent on 2), 29+31

A method/system comprising a plurality of devices that capture photon intensity from an illuminated object through filters and beam splitters to form a visible light image and a diagnostic image.

3. claims: 3, 5-26 (in part, dependent on 3), 29+32, 29+33

A method/system to form a visible light image and a diagnostic image whereby the devices that captures photon intensity has a plurality of pixel locations with filters for selective wavelength transmission.

4. claims: 4, 5-26 (in part, dependent on 4), 29+34

A method/system to form a visible light image and a diagnostic image whereby the devices that captures photon intensity has a plurality of pixel locations with diode junctions for selective wavelength detection.

5. claims: 27, 28

A system to form a visible light image and a diagnostic image whereby the images are captured in digital form.

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